

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about 3, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) a non-thermoplastic powdered, granular, particulate, or gel substance disposed between said first and second prebonded webs; and
- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein each said longitudinal axis is oriented in the same direction.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a nonwoven.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein said wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a polymeric film.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein said first and second prebonded webs are identical.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about 3; and
- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer being non-thermoplastic and containing a substance to be exposed.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a nonwoven.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said wherein said first or second prebonded web comprises a polymeric film.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein said first and second prebonded webs are identical.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein no adhesives are used to join said first and second prebonded webs.

Claims 14-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.1 inches.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 1, wherein the substance is continuously disposed between said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.2 inches.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the bond sites have a length of less than about 0.1 inches.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 25, wherein the bond sites have a width of less than about 0.02 inches.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The substance encapsulation system of Claim 7, wherein the central layer is continuously disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A substance encapsulation system capable of being apertured under a tensioning force, said system comprising:

- (a) a first prebonded web and a second prebonded web, said first and second prebonded webs joined to one another in a face-to-face relationship by a plurality of regularly repeating bond sites, each bond site defining a discrete, noncontinuous elongated melt weakened region having a length of less than about 0.2 inches, a width of less than about 0.02 inches, and an aspect ratio of greater than 3, said bond site having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction;
- (b) a central layer being disposed between at least a portion of said first and second prebonded webs, said central layer being non-thermoplastic and containing a powdered, granular, particulate, or gel substance ~~continuously disposed between said first and second webs;~~ and

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- (c) wherein upon application of a sufficient force having a vector component parallel to said transverse axis, said bond site fractures to form a corresponding aperture to facilitate exposure of said substance.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes amendments to Fig. 9. Character 105 is replacing character 104 for the second (lower) supply roll. The characters now correspond to the description in the specification. Character 133 is replacing character 130 which designates the nip corresponding to incremental stretching system 132. The specification has been corrected to state that the nip is represented by character 133. A formal replacement sheet 5 with the corrected characters for Fig. 9 is included.

In Fig. 10, reference character 102 has now been described in the amended specification.

The formal drawings have been submitted. The photograph for Fig. 8 is no longer mostly black.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet (1 pg.)
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (9 pgs.)